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NATIONAL ADOPTION MONTH

There are currently more than 800 children under the supervision of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) who are in foster care and are in immediate need of a loving adoptive family. However, only about 200 of these children are in potential matches with prospective adoptive families. Additionally, there are more than 12,500 children and youth, including children with special medical, developmental and emotional needs, in foster care who need a safe and stable permanent family.

Throughout November 2005, as part of Los Angeles County's celebration of National Adoption Month, DCFS will hold a series of events aimed at celebrating adoptions and recruiting more adoptive families. Also, as part of a public awareness campaign, DCFS will distribute a special poster highlighting the need for families and dispelling common myths of who can adopt to business and community organizations throughout the County.

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It is important to make every effort possible to ensure that abused and neglected children are given the opportunity, as early as possible, to thrive as members of safe, stable and permanent families.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Board of Supervisors recognizes November 2005 as National Adoption Month and assists in efforts to raise adoption awareness by:

1. ensuring that an advertisement promoting adoptions be included in the November 2005 County Digest; and
2. instructing the Director of the Department of Children and Family Services to provide a bumper sticker featuring the DCFS Adoptions Recruitment Line (888-811-1121) to all interested County employees to display on their County or personal vehicles.

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